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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its forty-second session, the Sub-Commission adopted resolution 1990/9 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran". By this resolution the Sub-Commission, inter alia,

"Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Sub-Commission, at its forty-third session, of relevant reports by other Special Rapporteurs or bodies in the field of human rights, as well as of steps which have been and are being taken by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights to prevent violations of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran;" (para. 5).

2. In compliance with this request, the attention of the Sub-Commission is drawn to the interim report which the Special Representative on the human

rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Professor Reynoldo Galindo Pohl, presented to the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly (A/45/697). This document also contains the report on the second visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran which the Special Representative carried out from 9 to 15 October 1990 at the invitation of the Government.

3. On 18 December 1990, the General Assembly adopted by consensus resolution 45/173 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

4. The Special Representative submitted a final report to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session (E/CN.4/1991/35).

5. At its forty-seventh session, the Commission on Human Rights also had before it reports by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (E/CN.4/1991/20) and by the Special Rapporteurs on Summary or Arbitrary Executions (E/CN.4/1991/36), on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (E/CN.4/1991/17) and on Religious Intolerance (E/CN.4/1991/56), which refer to the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran within the terms of their respective mandates.

6. On 7 March 1991, the Commission on Human Rights adopted, without a vote, resolution 1991/82 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

7. At its first regular session of 1991, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/82 of 7 March 1991, approved the Commission's request to the Special Representative to maintain his contacts and cooperation with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and to report to its forty-eighth session on further progress with regard to the recommendations contained in his report (decision 1991/261 of 31 May 1991).